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1. We delivered reftel talking points concerning the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia to GOT MFA Balkans officials Kasim Cavusoglu and Gizem Sucuoglu.

Both said that Turkey had been following this issue for a long time and agreed with the U.S. position, saying that people of all ethnic origins should be brought to justice. Cavusoglu further commented that "The generals are small fish. Karadzic and Mladic must be taken to The Hague." Sucuoglu noted that Turkey had provided funds (NFI), but had not contributed personnel to this effort.

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